

## REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliance was mailed on September 9, 2005.

The Notice indicates that the claim amendments in the Response filed May 2, 2005, do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173. It should be noted that the claims were not amended in the Response filed May 2, 2005. Instead, the claims were amended in the Response filed December 2, 2004. Therefore, it is believed that the Notice intended to indicate that the claim amendments in the Response filed December 2, 2004, do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173.

Moreover, before mailing the Notice of Non-Compliance, Examiner Dixon telephoned the undersigned Attorney Kravetz to provide guidance as to how to respond to the Notice. During the discussions, the Examiner indicated that, to comply with the Notice, a response should be submitted with claims 8-41 completely underlined, and provided with the claim identifier "NEW".

Therefore, in accordance with the telephone discussions with the Examiner, the claims are re-submitted herein, with claims 8-41 underlined and provided with the claim identifier "NEW".

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this Response is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliance.

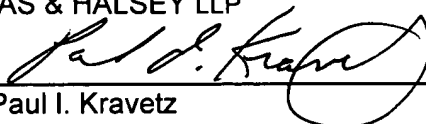
If there are any outstanding matters that can quickly be resolved, it is requested that the Examiner contact Attorney Kravetz at (202) 434-1500.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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